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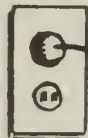
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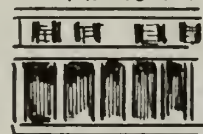
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The first fall meeting of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Women's Guild was held on Tuesday afternoon, October 5th at 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin of Lexington entertained with a program of dramatic and humorous readings. She is a graduate of Emerson College in Boston.

Mrs. Laurence N. Raymond presided at the business meeting. A rummage sale will be held in the church vestry on November 9th. On October 26th there will be a harvest supper with Mrs. Millard Titcomb and Mrs. Howard H. Smith as co-chairmen and Mrs. Chester Heuberger as ticket chairman. The annual Christmas fair will be held on November 30th in the vestry. Dancing school will start on October 22nd.

Preceding the business meeting, Mrs. Raymond led the devotional service with a prayer by the Rev. Frederic Reynard.

Tea was served by Mrs. Harry G. Erhard, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Heuberger, Mrs. Ira R. Hiller 2nd and Mrs. Marshall Ross.

AT HOME FROM SERVICE

Ralph Gifford, Jr. has returned to his home on Rounseville Road, Rochester after spending three years in Paris, France in the Armed Services. He made the crossing on the General W. O. Darley in 8 days.

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Under general orders dated August 26, 1953 from headquarters 315th Air Division (Combat Cargo) the award of the Bronze Star Medal was awarded to sixteen officers one of whom was Lt. Col. William H. Raymond, Jr. U. S. Air Force. This medal is awarded by direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in Air Force Regulation and General Orders for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy. The citation states that Lt. Col. Raymond, in performing the duties whereby the award was made, brought great credit upon himself, the Far East Air Force and the United States Air Force.

Lt. Col. Raymond recently purchased a large portion of the Bowman property at Hammond Hill and Randall Road in preparation for his retirement at a later date. It's not hard to see his future thoughts will bring him back to the place of his boyhood. Realizing he has seen and could have chosen most anywhere, it is nice to see his choice is Mattapoissett.

A small one hour visit with him and his Dad brought out how very interested he really is in the history and people of this town. It brought to light also some places he hasn't seen here, and a true feeling that here is home and here he will come back to as such. He is the type of man to become one of our leading citizens and a real leader of this community.

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HALLOWEEN DESSERT CARD PARTY

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will hold a Halloween Dessert Card Party on Wednesday, October 27th at 1:00 P. M. at the New Bedford Hotel. Tickets are 99 cents. Anyone wishing to reserve tickets may do so by contacting Mrs. Harold J. Roberts at Sk 8-2280.

Other committee members working on the affair are Mrs. Manuel P. Correia, chairman, Mrs. Harold Banks, Mrs. Frank Kouble, Mrs. Malcolm Coderre, Mrs. Clifton E. Macomber, Mrs. Nishan Berberian and Mrs. Grace Engesser.

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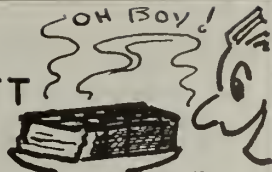


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M. D. TUTTLE BREAKS ARM

M. D. Tuttle met with an accident, resulting in a broken right arm last week. In raising an extension ladder, when it was elevated some thirty feet, a piece of the apparatus let go and released the top section. It descended so rapidly it struck Duane across the forearm. Happening just at this time, when they are so busy, adds to their problems not a little bit.

BROWNIE MEETINGS TO START

Brownie meetings will start on Wednesday, October 13th at the Town Hall. Mrs. Denman G. Morgan and Mrs. Russell H. Sherman will be assisted by Mrs. Anthony J. Pelson, Mrs. Richard B. Young, Mrs. Walter H. Apperson, Jr., Mrs. Ralph Wordell and Mrs. Allen L. Sherman.

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The fiftieth anniversary of the Mattapoissett Improvement Association was celebrated with a dinner meeting at the Shining Tides on Thursday, October 9th. Mr. Howard G. Crowell presided at the business meeting following the dinner. Special guests were four of the charter members, Mrs. Charles S. Hamlin, Mrs. Byron P. Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel LeBaron Dexter. The charter members and officers were presented corsages of yellow miniature poms by the Association.

Interesting facts of the past were given by the special guests as they were asked to relate stories of the past.

TINKHAMTOWN HELPING HAND SOCIETY

The Tinkhamtown Helping Hand Society have elected the following officers for the year: Mrs. Earle Tinkham, president; Mrs. Preston Valley, first vice president; Mrs. F. L. Dixon Yard, second vice president; Mrs. Howard H. Smith, secretary; Mrs. Leonard R. Randall, treasurer and Mrs. Raymond Buckley, executive board for three years.

The Society will hold a harvest supper on October 16th. Admittance will be by reservation only.

The weekly meeting nights of the Helping Hand Society have been changed to Monday evening.

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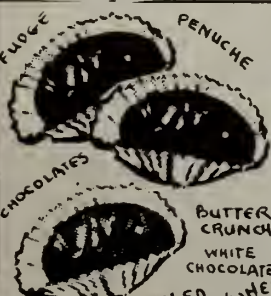
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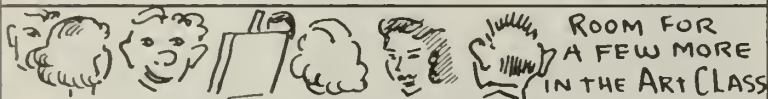


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Without doubt, in his field, Mr. Tripp is topman. His mind is a veritable warehouse of whaling knowledge. Above all this, he has a personality so outstanding, you envy him for it. Generosity so profound, it has no limit. He likes our paper and always welcomes the opportunity to help in any research in his field that we endeavor to write for you.

My question for him today will bear fruit in a later issue. The direct result of my search, however, brought to light mention of another of our older residents and former shipmaster.

As most conversations do, this one diversified and Mr. Tripp called my attention to a copy of the Norwegian Whaling Gazette of August, 1954. It contained a very nicely written article by Robert Clarke through the courtesy of "Nature" in regards to a great haul of ambergris.

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on December 21, 1953. The article mentioned the boulder was no doubt the largest single mass properly examined and authenticated. The figure of 926 pounds is actually exceeded by four others in the literature. Recently the author wrote Mr. Tripp, saying he had at long last acquired a copy of "There Goes Flukes" by William H. Tripp and his writing enlightened Mr. Clarke on the ambergris subject.

You will take pride in the knowledge that Captain J. A. M. Earle of Mattapoisett, who, as Mr. Tripp expresses it, knew the wet spaces of the world as a farmer knows his fields, and made the largest catch of Ambergris on record.

In '83 Capt. Earle was master and part owner of the Bark Splendid, sailing out of Dunedin, New Zealand. Incidentally, the Splendid was built in Mattapoisett. She was a copper fastened and very sturdy ship, and could handle any weather no matter how foul. Years later, after she had changed hands she was wrecked on the beach at Kaipara Neck, New Zealand.

On October 1, 1883 the Splendid, cruising easily along on a fine day off the Chatham Islands, east of New Zealand, was aroused to action with the familiar signal from her lookout. Her small boats were launched and the battle was on. By
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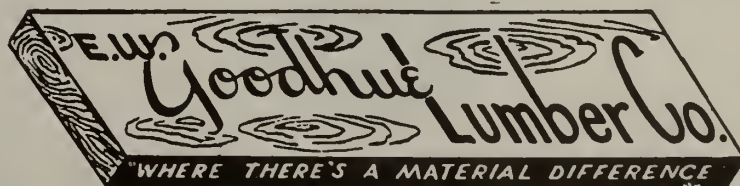


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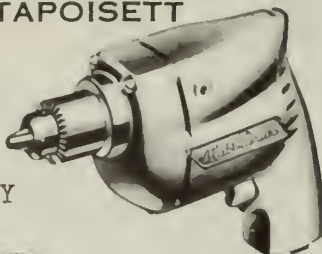


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dusk the catch was in tow back to a place of quieter water in the lee of land where the process of boiling down the catch could be more easily performed.

Capt. Earle kept a sharp eye on the prize as night came on and made sure his catch was dragging. He noticed an ambergrislike substance on the water. Quickly procuring a sample and finding the substance to be the prize he thought, he saw to it that men with nets procured all the precious material and got it aboard. Next morning, the cutting process uncovered a find of 980 pounds of which much was fine quality.

When the bark put into port for repairs three whales richer at Littleton, its owners were notified and the ambergris shipped on. Capt. Earle took charge as agent of much of the sale of the prize which netted over \$125,000.

This event was big news and it was reported Capt. Earle himself struck the creature. The ship owners presented him with a \$350. watch and \$70. chain.

It is interesting to know that instead of selling the entire lot at once, which would have flooded the market and reduced the value, it was disposed of over a period of ten years. Some went to Australia, some to London and some to New York.

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The writer is a little prejudiced perhaps but is inclined to feel it wasn't luck. Let's just say Mattapoissett built better ships, raised better captains and thus was rewarded with highest glory and richer profits.

If Gus Moulton of the Morgan interests were here today, I'm sure he would give me proof of my unfounded belief on this score, as he has told me of many of their ships and captains. To have been privileged to have personally known Mr. Moulton, and to have marveled at his accounts of the trips of their vessels to remote parts of the world is a pleasure to be treasured forever. Next to that privilege is to know William Tripp and to have him share his wealth of whaling knowledge with you
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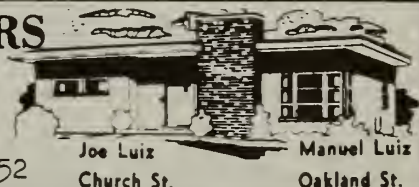
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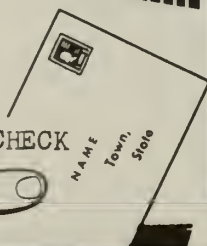
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OLD COLONY DISTRICT MEETING

The Old Colony Congregational Christian Women's Conference was held at the South Dartmouth Congregational Church in Padanaram on Wednesday, October 6, 1954.

A morning session was held at 10:30 A. M. followed by a luncheon at 12:30 P. M., and an afternoon session at 2:00 P. M. Attending from the Mattapoisett Congregational Church were Mrs. Laurence N. Raymond, president of the Guild, Mrs. Frederic Reynard, delegate, and Mrs. George Eldridge, Mrs. George C. Bradley, Jr., Miss Alice Ordway, Miss Jessie Peacock, Mrs. Edwin L. Perkins and Mrs. Anthony J. Sylvia.

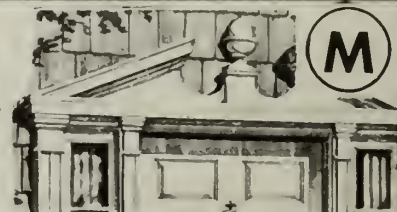
DANCING CLASSES TO START

The Women's Community Guild is sponsoring dancing classes of 15 lessons starting Friday, October 22nd in the Congregational Church vestry. Beginners from 6:45-7:45, Advance from 8-9 P. M. For enrollment, contact Mrs. Albert Furnans.

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PTC NOTES

Mrs. Francis Rowland and Mrs. Milton Heuberger take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to all those who have worked so hard on the P. T. C. Annual Membership Drive. We hope that no one has been overlooked this year.

May we remind you that membership is not limited to parents of school children, but is open to all persons interested in children and school activities. Anyone wishing to join may do so by contacting either Mrs. Heuberger, Tel. SK 8-2417 or Mrs. Rowland Sk 8-3595.

The first meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14th in the school Auditorium at 8:00 P. M. The program, being arranged by Mr. Russell Sherman, will feature Mr. Richard Boulter, an instructor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He will show colored slides of his Carribean Cruise.

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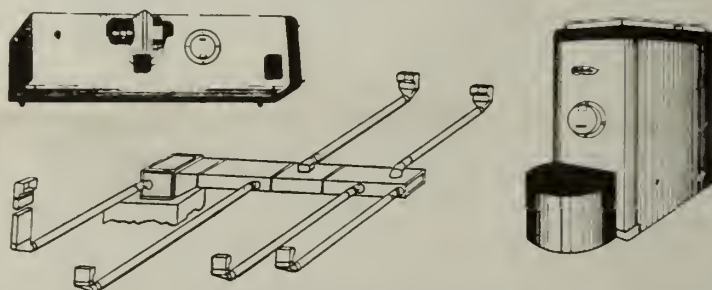


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